



DPW Director and former Tree Warden Peter Buttkus (fourth from right) stands with fellow tree wardens and town officials at last Wednesday's ceremony. Buttkus was named the Tree Warden of the Year, and an American Beech was planted on the town green in his honor.

## DPW Director Buttkus named Tree Warden of the Year

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For the last several years, Duxbury has been named a "Tree City USA" for the town's work preserving and maintaining its trees. Last Wednesday, Peter Buttkus was honored as the Tree Warden of the Year.

Buttkus was lauded at a ceremony, attended by fellow tree wardens and town officials, on the town green on a windy Wednesday afternoon. An American Beech tree was planted in his honor.

"The crew that is here today is another tribute to Peter," said President of Mass. Tree

Wardens Kevin Weber, who is himself the tree warden in Sharon. "A lot of tree wardens give of their own time. They're dedicated to their craft."

Weber pointed out that Buttkus has recently risen in the ranks to become director of public works in Duxbury.

"Peter is the tree warden's future," he said. "It's something for other tree wardens to aspire to."

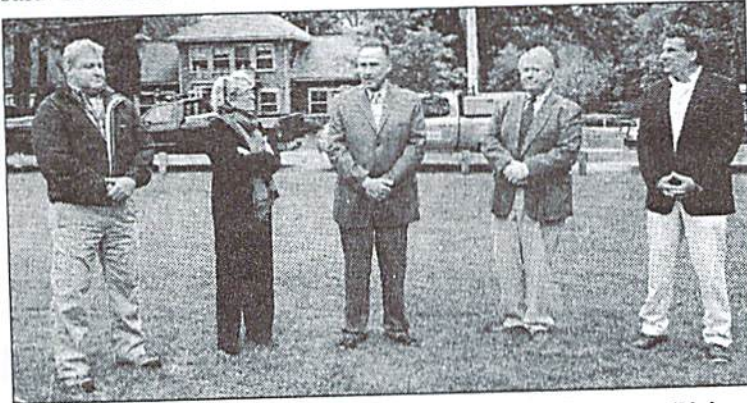
Town Manager Richard MacDonald talked about the natural beauty of Duxbury.

"That is not by accident, it is through the hard work of the DPW staff led by Peter Butt-

kus," he said. "He's doing a great job for us. Thank you for a job well-done, you deserve this honor."

Buttkus was humbled by the honor.

"I'm fortunate to be in an exceptional community with exceptional staff," he said.



Buttkus, Selectman Betsy Sullivan, Town Manager Richard MacDonald, Board of Selectman Chairman Shawn Dahlen and Manager of Buildings and Grounds Doug Dondero at Wednesday's ceremony.